

THE STATE COUNCIL

Of the Junior O. U. A. M. on its Way to the Grafton Meeting

STOPS OFF IN WHEELING TO EAT.

Visiting Members of the Order Banqueted by the Local Members at the Hotel Van Keuren Last Night—A Pleasant Time Enjoyed.

The banquet given last night by the Wheeling members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. to the visiting members of the State Council, on their way to the session at Grafton, was a pleasant affair, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors and their hosts.

About thirty-five gentlemen seated themselves at the table at the Hotel Van Keuren and did full justice to the elegant spread provided by the house. The following members were present: P. S. C., John T. Reed; S. C., S. R. Warfield; S. C. Secretary John D. Hall; Representatives H. B. Baginlov and D. H. Taylor, No. 5; Charles W. Jones, No. 1; Joseph R. Hall and H. L. Fuller, No. 25; S. R. Graves, No. 21; John G. Leasure and George Leasure, No. 22; F. A. Green, New Cumberland; Edward H. Lippert, John Dennis and John Cutler, New Martinsville; Dr. S. M. Steele and C. E. Brown, Moundsville; Abe Montgomery and T. E. Amick, Wellsburg; A. A. Eskey and Thompson Illery, Sistersville; E. P. Lowman and George Drake, Woodlands; John Cain, Franklin; J. C. Wiedman and Will Crow, Glen Easton; William Armon, Marion; W. C. Gordon, Bellaire, Ohio; C. F. Null, Hannibal, O.

State Council Secretary John D. Hall addressed the party in a few words of welcome as follows:

"GENTLEMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STATE COUNCIL, JR. O. U. A. M.:—We have assembled this evening upon invitation extended by the Representatives of the State Council in this city, to do justice to the feast of good things set before us. We to-night represent an order which has over one hundred thousand members in the United States, and while we here assembled are only a few we represent nearly two thousand members of an order which has for its object the upholding of the public school system. Hoping that you will enjoy the hospitality of our Wheeling brothers, I close with wishing you a pleasant session."

After Secretary Hall's address the next business was the discussion of the banquet, and after this was concluded a half hour or so was spent in trying to induce some of the visitors to make a speech. Messrs. Steele, Lippert, Graves, Eskey, Dr. Taylor, Wiedman, Null, Reed and others all said they were not loaded, and could not be induced to make a speech. Everybody was good humored and the attempts to get out of making a speech by those called upon were witnessed with amusement. Past State councillor Reed thought that the State council of West Virginia compared favorably with that of any other State, and that if the work continued as heretofore, the Jr. O. U. A. M. would soon stand ahead of any other order in the State. Mr. W. W. Crow, of Glen Easton, was in favor of a compulsory school law, and advocated the imposition of a fine on any parents who neglected to send their children to school.

The banquet over, an adjournment was had to the parlors of the hotel, and here the time was spent in pleasant chat until train time. Before midnight the members of the State Council repaired to the special car chartered by them, and at 12:05 were on their way to Grafton.

A BIG CONTRACT

Undertaken by the Chief of the Fire Department.

At the meeting of the committee on fire department last night the bills for the repairs and hardwood improvements on the chemical engine house came up. An original contract for certain repairs had been made, but the specification for a hardwood newel post at the foot of the staircase had been omitted. Somebody had ordered the contractor to erect a hardwood newel post, and in order that things might harmonize it was deemed advisable that other furnishings should be in keeping with that newel post, and so some twenty odd dollars were added to the cost of the original contract. Other bills had been increased in proportion, until the hope house bill is now the pride of the second ward.

As the appropriation to each house averaged \$200 only, the committee was at first somewhat inclined not to allow any bills over the amount appropriated, which would have necessitated the settlement of the remaining bills out of the pocketbook of the member from the second ward, upon whose orders, it was whispered, the repairs and improvements had been made. Mr. O'Kane arose, however, and solemnly promised the committee that no repairs would be necessary on the chemical engine house for the next ensuing twenty years, and faithfully engaged himself to see that none would be made for that length of time. The committee accepted his word, and without requiring his affidavit or bond, promptly passed the bills, aggregating a sum total of \$436.

Chief Hesse was granted a vacation of ten days, dating from August 1. Before granting his application the committee compelled him to promise to send a string of fish to the clerk and to each member of the committee. There was some thought of binding him to send as many fish as the members of the committee could eat, but it was feared that the victim, rather than undertake so ruinous a contract, would prefer to stay at home and work himself to death. Assistant Fire Marshal W. C. Hance will take charge of the department during the absence of Chief Hesse.

The Commutator this Time.

About seven o'clock yesterday morning another accident occurred at the electrical power house. The old engine had been running all morning, but at the time stated the commutator burst and had to be taken to the shop to be repaired. Work of this kind requires some time, and so the electric motors remained all day and all night on the spot they happened to occupy when the accident occurred. Everything that is possible will be done to start the cars this morning.

Justice Davis's Court.

Squire Davis yesterday was called on to settle a series of neighbors' quarrels. Hattie Rine, on complaint of Flo Hall, was fined \$5 and costs for assault and battery. Minerva Capps was arrested on a peace warrant, sworn out by Flo Hall. Dismissed. Flo Hall was fined \$1 and costs for profane swearing, on complaint of Minerva Capps. Flo Hall accused Alice Thompson of profane swearing; dismissed. Flo Hall accused Mrs. Hattie Rine of profane swearing; dismissed.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

"More power to ye!" as the boys said to the electric car.

The "Blue-Eyed" Social gave a picnic at Wheeling Park yesterday.

CANTELOPES are about as abundant in market as watermelons now.

GREEN CORN has made its appearance, small ears selling at twenty cents a dozen.

FRIENDSHIP TEAM No. 1, I. O. O. F., will give a picnic at the Park next Saturday.

THE water plugs north of the creek and on the island will be blown out tomorrow.

A dog belonging to John Kenney bit a boy named McLary, and Officer Terrell shot the dog.

OFFICER DAUM yesterday hauled in William M. Fox in the hoodlum wagon. Fox was drunk.

A GRAND picnic will be given next Thursday, at Wheeling Park, by the Teutonia singing society.

WORKMEN started yesterday to put up the walls of Dr. Ford's new house in Behrens & Spidel's addition.

THE South Side Turners expect to have a good time at their picnic at Archibald's grove to-morrow.

THE Wheeling bicyclists who have been to Detroit got back yesterday, and report having had a good time.

THE Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad made connections with the Terminal railway Sunday, fifty men doing the work.

BEN SPEIDEL, aged fifteen, had the two middle fingers of his right hand cut off while at work at Wood Bros' planing mill.

THE Y. P. S. C. E. of the Second Presbyterian church will give an excursion to Steubenville this evening on the R. E. Phillips.

THE flywheel of an engine at work at the main street bridge burst yesterday, narrowly missing the engineer, but doing no damage.

DAVE CAMPBELL's big horse, that was given up as good as dead some time ago, was stitched up by Dr. Reeder and was out working yesterday.

THE piston rod on the engine at the Lallell mill broke yesterday. One heat had been made and the other was drawn out, the men knocking off.

THE Grand Opera House will open August 21, with Hicks & Sawyer's famous colored minstrels, numbering forty-five men, all leading performers in their lines.

ED. ANDERSON yesterday left for Catlettsburg, Ky., with A. H. Sweeney's bay pacing mare and Mr. Batt's roan pacer, King Brister, which he will enter in the races there this week.

THE Red Cross Oil and Red Lion Specities play their first game together this season on Thursday at Grafton. Bets were made last night two to one in favor of the Red Cross.

THERE were several mysterious shots fired on Jacob street, north of Fifteenth, early yesterday morning. Inquiry failed to develop any clue to the cause or as to who fired the shots.

MANAGER GENTHER, of the Grand, has engaged Prof. James T. Lewis, a teacher in the Conservatory of Music at Chicago, to lead the orchestra at the Grand next season. He will have a band of nine men.

A NUMBER of Baltimore and Ohio employees of this city will attend the picnic at Grafton Park Saturday to be given by the locomotive engineers and other employees of the three divisions centering in that place.

MR. CHARLES B. OTT will leave for Pittsburgh to-day to open at the Monongahela house a full line of samples of the wares made by the Central glass works. This is the first time the Central has had a sample room there. When Mr. Ott's duties there are done he will go east to spend his vacation at the seashore.

AMONG the very tough aggregation of talent in the police court yesterday morning were eight Sunday drunks, all of whom got the customary \$5 and costs. Fred Werner, charged with disorder, was dismissed. Frankie Lee was fined \$5 and costs for disorder. Two keepers of houses got the usual \$20 and the inmates and visitors \$5 and costs.

HOME FROM THE WEST.

A Returned Tourist whose Friends did not Know Him.

Yesterday Hon. and Mrs. N. B. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. George Wise returned from an extended western trip. Mr. Scott came bereft of the luxuriant beard which had long adorned his face, which in fact had attained its majority without being shorn. When he went into his office at the Central Glass Works and asked the treasurer, Major Gehring, "Is Mr. Scott in?" the Major responded:

"No, Mr. Scott is out of town; but we expect him home to-day or to-morrow."

Mr. Wise says the savage natives of Omaha, Neb., mistook the beard for Mr. Scott's sniplock and removed it as the spoils of a sanguinary conflict. Nobody knew the ex-Senator, and when he went into the Dollar Savings bank, of which he is the president, Cashier Dobbins required him to be identified.

Messrs. Scott and Wise say the Little Kid mine, in Montana, of which they are stockholders, and which they went to inspect, looks all right, and they think the Wheeling company which owns it has a valuable property.

Mr. Scott will go east to-day to meet with the committee of glass manufacturers appointed to consider the new wage scale, of which he is a member.

Probably the Oldest Resident.

Old man McAdams, who was sent up as a vagrant the other day, will to-day be taken to the County Infirmary. His case is a fine illustration of the irony of fate. He was born in Ohio county seventy-eight years ago, and has always lived in the county. A generation ago he ran an express wagon, and was a well known character. Lately his intellect has been weak. It is doubtful if there is another man of his age in Ohio county who was born here and has always resided here. He is left at his advanced age, friendless, poor and weak-minded, to the charity of the county.

"Why, now I cannot get enough to eat," says one lady who formerly had no appetite, but took Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Carl of Thanks.

On behalf of the members of the Brilliant Cornet Band, we, the undersigned committee, wish to return our thanks to the officers and crew of the steamer Keystone State for the kind and courteous treatment we received while making the round trip on the Keystone State.

Just RECEIVED, one hundred fine Crayon Portraits. PLEMMER'S, 1138 Main street.

MAKES A STRONG CASE.

Prof. Crago Makes Some Pertinent and Forceful Remarks.

IN ANSWER TO DR. PIPES' CHARGES.

He Makes His Answer Much Milder Than He Might—He Denies that He Neglected Any School Duty, and Refers to Ritchie (School's) Drawbacks.

Since the action of the Board of Education in removing Prof. Crago from the principalship of the Ritchie school, he has not been heard from on the subject, for the reason that he was away from home. On the midnight train last night the following communication was received from the Professor, dated at Washington city. In it he makes a fair defense, if a milder one than was to be expected. His position is dignified, and, as he says, no disgrace attaches to him, if to anybody, for the board's action:

To the Editor of the Intelligence.

Sir:—It was not until yesterday that I was permitted to see the INTELLIGENCER and to know that I was not elected to my former position as principal of the Eighth ward school. As one of the commissioners saw fit to make certain charges against me, and these charges have become public property, I will ask room in your columns to answer them publicly, and in doing so I make the following assertions: That Dr. Pipes has not for the past two years complained of my conduct of the school. He did complain two years ago, and attempted to turn me out, but the public knows the result. He speaks of the low average of our school, saying that it is lower than that of any other except the colored school. The averages of Ritchie and Union schools were just the same, Ritchie having five pupils and Union two. I will say of the class of five, that although they did stand lower than I hoped they would, still they are scholars and are well prepared for all that our school course proposes to prepare them for.

The doctor says that he has been at the school house several times during school hours and could not find me. This may be, but I was not aware that he was anxious to find me at any time during the past two or three years. If he means by his not finding me during school hours that I was not attending to my school duties he simply asserts what he ought to know is false. I, for four years past, have had two schools on my hands, and have at the same time taught as many classes as any other principal teaches, and every hour of my time during school hours has been devoted to my school.

The next statement is that I had lately been absent ten days. I was absent just one week. It was the week of our examinations. I prepared all my questions before leaving, and examined the papers after returning, and I paid the grammar teachers for the extra work they were compelled to do.

In the past seven years I have been absent for one week each year to attend the meeting of the National Union, a fraternal insurance order of which I am an officer, and no objections were ever offered by the commissioner making the charges until two years ago. Before that he not only freely gave me leave, but said that it was good for the other teachers, now and then, to have charge of the school. It would prepare them for any emergency that might happen. In 1889 and 1890, when I was absent, I left a man in my place and paid him for his services. As to the commissioner being tired of my "gadding about," I simply say that I never left the school for one hour without leave of the majority, at least, of the commissioners, unless at the superintendent's call. During the year ending September, 1890, I made about \$250 outside of my salary. About one-half of this I made during vacation, and the remainder is my salary as officer in the order referred to above. This year, if I have my health until September 1, I will make about the same amount. I have always been so fortunate—or unfortunate, as to have a large family to support, and am compelled to make something outside of my salary. But if any living man dare assert that in doing this I have in any manner whatever neglected my school duties, he utters what is false in every particular.

Two years ago I did appeal to the Board of Education and was retained in the school. Since then I have done as good teaching as I ever did in my life, was not absent from the school an hour except on leave, and I was determined not to appeal to the board again and I consider it no disgrace to lose my position under the circumstances. I have all my life been a conscientious teacher, and I leave this position with the proud consciousness of having done my duty. As to my having anything to do with the low standing of the school, it is simply preposterous. A few years ago we had the first honor pupil, and next year we were making some calculations in the same direction.

I will close with this assertion: that while I do not reflect on any other school, the Eighth ward school has been for the past three years under as good discipline as any other school in the city, and for proof of what I say I am willing to abide by what our worthy superintendent may say. This in spite of all the adverse circumstances against which we have had to contend. This communication has grown to greater length than I intended it should, but I felt I could not not say less than I have said.

F. H. CRAIG.

Washington, D. C., July 20.

In Holland, Mich., C. J. Doesbury publishes the News, and in its columns strongly recommends Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for coughs, colds, sore throat, catarrh and asthma.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats. The River Interest.

The river was falling last night, with 5 feet 10 inches in the channel.

The reports from above were: Pittsburgh—7 feet 4 inches and rising. Morgantown—4 feet and stationary; weather clear and warm.

Brownsville—5 feet 1 inch and stationary; weather cloudy and warm.

Warren—2 feet 8 inches and falling; weather cloudy and warm.

The Scioto passed up for Pittsburgh yesterday at 11 a. m. The Ben Hur, being detained by the fog, did not get away for Parkersburg until 8 p. m.

The Matt F. Allen is on the docks at Parkersburg, receiving a general overhauling.

At 8 a. m. to-day the Keystone State will pass down for Cincinnati, and the H. K. Bedford and Hudson will leave for Parkersburg. The Courier will start for Parkersburg at 11:30 a. m.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

J. L. Dare, of Roanoke, Va., was at the St. Charles yesterday.

J. A. Crisell and J. H. Hanson, of Buckhannon, are in the city.

A. M. Bainbridge, of New Martinsville, was at the Bellaire yesterday.

Miss Sadie O'Neill is visiting her friend Mrs. Potts, at Bellaire.

Miss Alice Dodds, of Newark, is a guest at the St. Charles hotel.

J. S. Standiford, of New Martinsville, was at the Windsor yesterday.

H. C. Ulrich, Jr., of Lazeurville, is visiting friends on the South Side.

Mr. C. R. Tipton, representing Clark's Horse Review, of Chicago, is in the city.

Attorney C. J. Howard, of Barnesville, O., was in town yesterday on business.

Nelson Cecil left early yesterday morning for the East on a business trip.

C. W. McCormick, of Buckhannon, registered at the Stamm House yesterday.

Mrs. M. L. Ott and daughter, Miss Florence, have gone to Asbury Park, N. J.

Miss Hayes, of Bellaire, is visiting her uncle, Mr. John Becker, of the South Side.

Messrs. William Jennings and Patrick Burke, of Grafton, were in the city yesterday.

Hon. Ben Fisher and family and Mrs. D. Carter List will leave today for Cape May, N. J.

Mr. Jacob Niel, of McKeesport, was here yesterday to attend the funeral of Adam Cappel.

Miss Maud Humblebeck, is visiting her sister Mrs. Will Murrin, on South Chapline street.

H. B. Hawkins, of Fairmont, and J. M. Brohard, of Clarksburg, were at the Stamm House yesterday.

Mr. James P. Hammond, of the Island, returned yesterday from a visit to his daughter in New York city.

Mrs. Jane Arbuthnot, with her daughter, Miss Mary, left yesterday for Boston to visit her son, Rev. Samuel Arbuthnot.

O. N. Koon, of Mannington, T. B. Hamilton, of Hundred, and J. and S. Evans, of Cameron, registered at the Bellaire yesterday.

William Brooks, of Butler, Pa., C. A. Lovison, of Cleveland, and Charles Butler, of Chicago, were at the St. Charles yesterday.

Mr. J. B. Montgomery and George Montgomery, well known oil men of Washington, Pa., were at the Hotel Windsor yesterday.

Mr. T. Losere, of the firm of Losere Bros., celebrated traveling bag manufacturers of New York City, is registered at the Stamm.

Miss Mary Arkle, of Eleventh street, returned home yesterday morning from a pleasant visit to her friend, Miss Dora Carson, at Washington, Pa.

William Jennings and Miss Ella Thompson, of Grafton, and E. L. Wheeler, of Mannington, were registered at the St. Charles yesterday.

Messrs. I. G. Dillon, Dr. J. L. Diekey, H. A. Deiters and George B. Riddle were in Pittsburgh yesterday, attending the funeral of the late C. V. Scott.

Mr. N. B. Meriben, an old time resident of Wheeling, arrived here yesterday from his home in California, having taken the round-about way by Canada.

Mrs. J. H. Scott and Miss Hannah McKasky left this morning for Wheeling to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. W. L. Glessner.—Washington, Pa., Journal.

William Coleman and William Bomgardner, of New Cumberland, and T. H. Williams, of New Martinsville, were among the West Virginians registered at the Bellaire yesterday.

Col. Jacob Kemple has returned home from the wilds of Arizona, on a visit to his family. The colonel is looking well. He is now U. S. Commissioner to enforce the Chinese exclusion act.

Mr. W. L. Callin, the Wheeling directory publisher, has arrived safe and sound at his old home at Douglass, Isle of Man. A cablegram announcing his arrival was received by Mrs. Callin yesterday.

Capt. John Francis and wife, of the Island, have returned from an extended visit to Chicago and other western cities. While away they visited Springfield, Ill., and saw Abraham Lincoln's monument.

Mr. W. C. Sykes and family left yesterday for the East. On Thursday they will sail on the steamer Augusta Victoria, for Hamburg, to visit Mrs. Sykes's parents, whom she has not seen for eighteen years.

Mrs. Thomas Walton and daughter, Miss Lee, left over the B. & O. for Baltimore yesterday morning, where they will take passage on the steamer Weimer for Bremen. They expect to be abroad three years, Miss Lee attending the Conservatory of Music at Vienna two years, and spending the other year in Paris and other points of interest.

A Badly Injured Mare.

George Meyer, a son of August Meyer, of the South Side, was driving a fine mare belonging to his father yesterday afternoon, the animal being attached to a road-cart. At the corner of Forty-first and Water streets the seat on the cart broke, frightening the mare, which ran up Forty-first street.

At the corner of Jacob street she swerved to the right and straddled, while running, a fire plug, the brass top of which cut her up in a serious manner. Besides a long gash in her breast, the muscles of one fore leg were so badly cut that the leg was almost severed from the body. Dr. Reeder was called and sewed her up, putting thirty-six stitches in the wound. He says the mare will recover.

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